

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A hand held electronic device, comprising:

a main body including a connector adapted to electrically and mechanically connect said main body to a second connector of a separable electronic game, first and second ports sized to receive first and second game cartridges of the electronic game, respectively, each of said first and second ports having an electrical connection that is electrically connectable to the respective first and second game cartridges, and a processor adapted to electrically connect the electronic game to the first and second game cartridges through said first and second ports, wherein the second connector of the separable electronic game is electrically and mechanically connectable to the first or second game cartridges.

Claim 2 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said main body is adapted to receive a portion of the electronic game.

Claim 3 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 2, wherein said connector is adapted to be received in a portion of the electronic game.

Claim 4 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said main body includes a recessed portion adapted to receive a portion of the electronic game.

Claim 5 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 4, wherein said connector is disposed in said recessed portion of said main body.

Claim 6 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 5, wherein said connector is adapted to be received in a portion of the electronic game.

Claim 7 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said connector includes at least one electrical contact for electrically connecting to the electronic game.

Claim 8 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said connector is an extension member having a shape substantially identical to the game cartridges of the electronic game.

Claim 9 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said first and second ports define access openings in first and second sides of said main body.

Claim 10 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 9, wherein said first and second sides are substantially perpendicular to one another.

Claim 11 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 9, wherein said first and second sides are substantially parallel and opposite one another.

Claim 12 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein each of said electrical connections of said first and second ports is an electrical contact.

Claim 13 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said main body includes a third port sized to receive a third game cartridge of the electronic game and having an electrical connection for electrically connecting to the third game cartridge.

Claim 14 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein
a selection member is electrically connected to said processor and includes at least first and second selectable positions corresponding to said first and second ports, respectively, said selection member communicates to said processor when said selection member is in said first and second positions.

Claim 15 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 14, wherein
said selection member is a switch.

Claim 16 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 1, wherein
the electronic game is a hand held electronic game.

Claim 17 (original): A hand held electronic device, comprising:
a main body including:
first and second opposite sides, and third and fourth opposite sides extending between said first and second sides,
a recessed portion adapted to releasably receive a base of a separate electronic game, said recessed portion having a connector connectable to the base of the electronic game,
first, second and third ports each having an access opening disposed in one of said first, second and third sides, respectively, each of said first, second and third ports being adapted to receive a game cartridge of the electronic game and an electrical contact of each port providing electrical connection between said ports and the respective game cartridges, and
a processor electrically connected to each of said first, second and third ports, and said connector of said recessed portion,
whereby said processor provides electrical connection between the electronic game and each of said first, second and third ports.

Claim 18 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 17, wherein
said connector is adapted to be received in the base of the electronic game and includes an electrical contact for electrically connecting to the electronic game.

Claim 19 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 17, wherein
said connector is an extension member having a shape substantially identical to the game
cartridges of the electronic game.

Claim 20 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 17, wherein
a selection member is electrically connected to said processor and includes first, second
and third positions corresponding to said first, second and third ports, respectively, said selection
member being adapted to communicate to said processor when said selection member is in each
of said first, second and third positions.

Claim 21 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 20, wherein
said selection member is a position switch disposed on one of said first, second and third
sides of said main body.

Claim 22 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 20, wherein
said main body includes a power switch; and said power switch includes locking pins that
engage said position switch when said power switch is in an on position.

Claim 23 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 17, wherein
said main body includes gripping portions at said first and second sides for facilitating
gripping of said main body.

Claim 24 (original): A hand held electronic device according to claim 17, wherein
said main body includes a finger recess disposed in one of said first, second, third and
fourth sides for facilitation disengagement of the electronic game from said main body.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method of selecting a single game cartridge from multiple game cartridges for playing with a hand held electronic game, comprising the steps of:

electrically connecting the hand held electronic game to a hand held electronic device separate from the hand held electronic game, the hand held electronic device connecting to a connector of the handheld electronic game;

electrically connecting first and second game cartridges of the hand held electronic game with first and second ports, respectively, of the hand held electronic device, wherein the first or second game cartridge can be mated with the connector of the handheld electronic device;

electrically connecting the first and second ports of the hand held electronic device to the hand held electronic game;

selecting one of the first and second game cartridges; and

playing the selected one of the first and second game cartridges with the hand held electronic game.

Claim 26 (original): A method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:

inserting the first and second game cartridges into the first and second ports, respectively, of the hand held electronic device.

Claim 27 (original): A method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:

electrically connecting a third game cartridge of the hand held electronic game to the hand held electronic device.

Claim 28 (original): A method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:

coupling a portion of the hand held electronic game to the hand held electronic device.

Claim 29 (original): A method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:

coupling a portion of the hand held electronic device to the hand held electronic game.

Claim 30 (original): A method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:
actuating a switch on the hand held electronic device for selecting one of the first and second game cartridges.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A hand held electronic device, comprising:
a main body including:
a connector adapted to electrically and mechanically connect the main body to a separable electronic game,
a first communications device configured to communicate with a first game storage device, the first game storage device storing a first game of the electronic game,
a second communications devices configured to communicate with a second game storage device, the second game storage device storing a second game of the electronic game, and
a processor adapted to establish a communications link between the electronic game and the first game storage device or the second game storage device.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The hand held electronic device of claim 31, wherein
the first communications device includes a port, wherein the first game storage device is configured to mate with the port.